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Sir:

RESPONSE

Responsive to the Official Action dated January 21, 2009, and supplemental to the Amendment filed November 5, 2008, the applicants further specify, for purposes of initial examination and without prejudice, that the compound of formula (I) of claim 8, wherein R^2 , R^3 and R^5 are hydrogen, R^1 is methyl, and R^4 is CH_2COOH , and X is a hydroxyl group, and the drug Lorazepam, of the elected species, are conjugated through an ester linkage (i.e., the drug is conjugated to the COOH side-chain group on the aspartic acid residue (residue 2) of the elected carrier).

Claims 1-21, 23-25, 27-32, 40 and 41 are believed to read on the elected species.

Rejoinder and allowance of any claim defining a method of making and/or using a product defined by an allowable claim, at an appropriate time, are requested.

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An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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